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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : DAVIDOV et al.
Application No. : 09/924,471
Filed : August 9, 2001
Title : LID HAVING INTEGRAL ONE-PIECE
EATING UTENSIL
Group Art Unit : 3727
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181**

Sir:

The undersigned received a Notice of Abandonment mailed on November 26, 2003 in which the reason for abandonment was Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to an Office Letter mailed on November 27, 2002. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached hereto as APPENDIX A. On the Notice of Abandonment, box 1b was checked, which states:

A proposed reply was received on May 27, 2003, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection.

(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).

Application No. 09/924,471

Applicant respectfully traverses this Holding for Abandonment. On May 27, 2003, the six-month deadline for responding to the Final Office Action mailed on November 27, 2002, the undersigned submitted an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, a Letter to the Official Draftsperson, a Notice of Appeal, and a check for the Extension of Time (Three Months) and the appeal fee. A copy of the receipt card bearing the date-stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mail room is attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

Clearly, the response filed on May 27, 2003 constitutes a proper response to the Final Office Action of November 27, 2002 since it includes a Notice of Appeal and the requisite appeal fee.

An Advisory Action mailed on June 4, 2003 indicated that the Notice of Appeal was, in fact, filed on May 27, 2003, and also indicated that the proposed amendment would not be entered. A copy of the Advisory Action is attached hereto as APPENDIX C.

On November 24, 2003, Applicant submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time, and a check for the RCE filing fee and the extension fee. Copies of the documents submitted on November 24, 2003, including the receipt card bearing the date-stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached hereto as APPENDIX D.

It is submitted that the Notice of Appeal, along with the appeal fee, as well as the RCE and the requisite fees were timely submitted and that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error. It is requested that the Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn and this application returned to pending status.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 5, 2004

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APPENDIX A
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Notice of Abandonment

Application No.

09/924,471

Applicant(s)

Davidov et al

Examiner

Robin A. Hylton

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on Nov 27, 2002.

(a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

- (b) ☒ A proposed reply was received on May 27, 2003, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection.

(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).

(c) ☐ A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).

(d) ☐ No reply has been received.

2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

(a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

(b) ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.

The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.

(c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.

3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

(a) ☐ Proposed new formal drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.

(b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.

4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

ROBIN A. HYLTON
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Appeal Brief Due 7-27-03
Appeal Brief Deadline 11-27-03

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Due Date: May 27, 2003

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Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET.
2. AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 - in response to the Final Office Action of November 27, 2002.
3. NOTICE OF APPEAL.
4. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time.
5. LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON, along with One (1) sheet of new formal drawings (FIGS. 1-4).
6. Check No. 7635 for \$625 (extension \$465; appeal \$160).

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APPENDIX B



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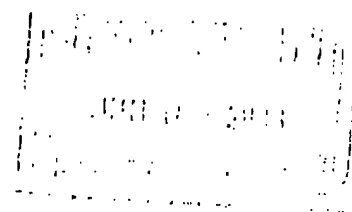
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APPENDIX C
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Advisory Action

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THE REPLY FILED 27 May 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY (check either a) or b))

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 6 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☒ A Notice of Appeal was filed on 27 May 2003. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
 6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: _____

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 1,2,4-9 and 11-15.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
 10. ☐ Other: _____


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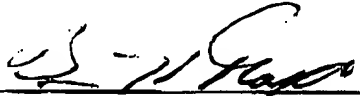
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MESSAGE:

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1. PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181;
and
2. APPENDICES A, B, C and D.

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